



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Fifth Legislature, Second Regular Session*

**AMENDED**  
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1411

early ballots; tracking system

Purpose

Requires all counties ~~with a population of more than 100,000 persons~~, effective January 1, 2024, to provide an early ballot tracking system and provide voters with access to the system on the county's website. Appropriates ~~\$700,000-\$250,000~~ in FY 2023 from the state General Fund (state GF) to the Secretary of State (SOS) for ~~establishing a grant program for counties to establish an early ballot tracking system~~. enhancements to the Arizona voter information database (AVID) to provide for early ballot tracking.

Background

AVID is the statewide voter registration and election management system used by the 13 counties other than Maricopa County and Pima County. The Maricopa County and Pima County systems must link to AVID through an interface. All voter registration information is stored in AVID and the system is used to automatically check new voter registration against Arizona's Motor Vehicle Department records to secure proof of citizenship (Ch.1 (IV)(A)).

County recorders or other officers in charge of elections, on receipt of an envelope containing an early ballot and ballot affidavit, must verify the signature and attempt to cure the ballot in the case of mismatching signatures. After signature verification, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections must safely keep the ballots until it's time for the ballots to be tallied ([A.R.S. § 16-550](#)). Maricopa and Pima Counties currently provide an early ballot tracking system on their website where voters from those counties may check the date the ballot was mailed, the date the ballot was returned and received by the county recorder and whether the ballot was accepted and signature verified ([SOS](#)).

S.B. 1411 appropriates ~~\$700,000-\$250,000~~ from the state GF in FY 2023 to the SOS.

Provisions

1. Requires, effective January 1, 2024, a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections in counties ~~with a population of more than 100,000 persons and where the county that~~ uses early ballots to provide:
  - a) an early ballot tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been received, verified, sent to be tabulated or rejected; and
  - b) voters with access to the early ballot tracking system on the county's website.
2. Appropriates ~~\$700,000-\$250,000~~ in FY 2023 from the state GF to the SOS for ~~establishing a grant program for counties to establish an early ballot tracking system~~. enhancements to AVID to provide for early ballot tracking.

- ~~3. Allows the SOS, between July 1, 2022, and December 31, 2023, to award grants up to \$100,000 per county to counties that do not have an early ballot tracking system available on the county's website as of the general effective date.~~
- ~~4. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing and reverts all unexpended and unencumbered monies on December 31, 2023, to the state GF.~~
5. Makes a conforming change.
6. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a delayed effective date as noted.

Amendment Adopted by Committee

- Requires the ballot tracking system to indicate whether the voter's early ballot has been sent to be tabulated or rejected, rather than whether the ballot was tabulated.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

1. Appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund in fiscal year 2023 to the Secretary of State for enhancements to the AVID to provide for early ballot tracking, rather than appropriating \$700,000 to the Secretary of State to establish a grant program for counties to establish an early ballot tracking system.
2. Requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections in all counties, rather than only counties with a population of more than 100,000 persons, to provide an early ballot tracking system.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Senate Action

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